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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

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The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger  
Assistant to the President for  
National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Henry:

In considering the FY 1976 Intelligence Community program,  
the House Appropriations Committee has elected to delete funding  
for [redacted]

The President carefully reviewed this program and approved  
its inclusion in the FY 1976 budget.

The Intelligence Community has carefully examined the value  
of the information which [redacted] will provide. I have communicated  
these views to Jim Schlesinger in the attached letter.

The Department of Defense has decided not to reclama the  
House-directed cut of [redacted] in the Senate. I feel strongly that  
the United States cannot afford to forego the intelligence  
capability which [redacted] will provide, but I am not hopeful that  
I can convince the Senate to restore funding in the face of a  
split administration view.

I therefore request that this matter be reviewed by the  
National Security Council and the attached letter from you to  
Senator McClellan be signed.

Sincerely,

*W. E. Colby*  
W. E. Colby

Attachments:

- A. [redacted]
- B. Proposed Letter

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